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SUBJECT: COOPER-FOLLOW-UP TO FOURTH PREPARATORY MEETING

REF: STATE 215900

1. AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED ISSUE OF  
ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT COOPER BODY WITH FREDDY  
CHRISTIANS, FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR  
MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS. DRAWING ON TALKING  
POINTS CONTAINED PARA 5 OF REFTEL, WE EMPHASIZED SURPRISE  
AND CONCERN OF USG WITH UNFAVORABLE OUTCOME OFFOURTH  
PREPARATORY MEETING.

2. IN RESPONSE, CHRISTIANS EXPLAINED THAT THE GOV DOES  
NOT THINK IT NECESSARY TO HAVE A COOPER BODY OUTSIDE OF  
UNCTAD WHEN UNCTAD IS BOTH PREPARED AND CAPABLE OF  
HOLDING DISCUSSIONS ANDDEVELOPING CONSENSUS PROTECTING  
BOTH PRODUCER AND CONSULER INTERESTS. NO NEW BODY WAS  
NEEDED; AS A MATTER OF POLICY THE GOV PREFERRED UTILIZING  
ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS RATHER THAN ADDING  
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TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES ALREADY IN  
ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS RATHER THAN ADDING  
TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES ALREADY IN  
EXISTENCE.

3. CHRISTIANS REMINED EMBOFF THAT GOV SUPPORTED INTEGRATED  
PROGRAM OF COMMODITIES (IPC). CREATION OF SEPARATE

COPPER BODY ERODED THE CONCEPT OF A COMMON FUND WITH LINKED COMMODITY PRICE AND SUPPLY STABILIZATION PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, CHRISTIANS STATED THAT AFTER CIEC ENDED LAST YEAR, USG HAD BEEN ONE OF MOST ACTIVE GOVERNMENTS SEEKING TO CONTINUE COMMODITY AND OTHER NORTH SOUTH DISCUSSIONS IN THE UN CONTEXT. CHRISTIANS PROFESSED NOT TO UNDERSTAND WHY COOPER SHOULD BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE UN CONTEXT WITH ONLY TENUOUS LINKS TO UNCTAD.

4. CHRISTIANS AGREED TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH REINALDO FIGUEREDO, PRESIDENT OF FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE. HE PROMISED THAT GOV DELEGATION WOULD CONSULT CLOSELY WITH USG DELEGATION DURING COMING SESSIONS IN AN EFFORT TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT IMPASSE.  
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